



Monroe County Department of Public Health

Food Worker Certification

*As per subpart 14.1
Section 14-1.73 of the NYS
Sanitary Code, MCDPH
has established the
following requirements.*

*A Certified Food Worker is
required to be present at
all operating times for
food service
establishments, including
temporary food stands.
Operating times are
defined as any time when
food preparation is being
performed and is not
limited to the
establishment's operating
hours.*

*There are two levels of
training. Level 1 Food
Manager and Level 2
Food Handler.*

*All medium and high risk
facilities, as well as
operators of more than
one pushcart need to have
a person on record with
L1 Certification. The
person on record cannot
be designated for multiple
establishments. The
presence of a L1 Food
Manager can also satisfy
the requirement for a L2
Food Handler.*

*Low risk facilities such as
bars or ice cream shops
do not require a L1 Food
Manager, however they
do need a L2 Food
Handler present at all
operating times of food
service.*

*Low risk temporary food
stands do not need a
certified food worker on
site.*

Training Resources

Nationally Accredited Training Providers are widely available and used throughout the Food Service Industry. These courses include extensive training on food safety, are multilingual, and require an examination to demonstrate knowledge.

Food Manager Training = Level 1 (five year certification) training + proctored exam

Food Handler Training = Level 2 (three year certification) training + exam (on-line or proctored)

Listed below are some sources for National Training Companies that provide on-line training option and local classroom instruction:

Servsafe (servsafe.com)

State Food Safety (statefoodsafety.com)

Tap Series (tapseries.com)

Prometric (prometric.com/foodsafety)

National Restaurant Association (restaurant.org)

National Registry of Food Safety Professionals (nrfsp.com)

Pete Castronova (foodsafetyrochester.com)

Nutri Rific (nutrirific.com)

Local classroom training is also provided by local colleges, food supply companies, corporate trainers, and independent trainers.

After completion of on-line or classroom training, **Local** Testing is available for \$30/exam, if needed, and is provided by:

Monroe County Department of Public Health Food Protection

(585) 753-5869

Please contact us with any questions, concerns, special needs, or other requests related to Food Worker Training.

NOTE: costs vary depending on courses taken, the purchase of supplemental educational materials, and the required exam.